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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN BONN

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND

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1. AFTER COORDINATING WITH THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR, I SAW ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GEHLHOFF THIS MORNING (GENSCHER RETURNS TO BONN LATE TODAY FROM HIS AFRICAN TRIP), TO DISCUSS YOUR MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 2 OF REFTEL. GEHLHOFF RESPONDED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETING TAKING PLACE IN BONN, AND HE WAS ABLE TO SAY AT ONCE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPEAT NO OBJECTIONS. HE DID REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT WE GIVE THE FRG GOVERNMENT AS MUCH LEAD TIME AS POSSIBLE ON THE PROPOSED JOINT US-ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT (WHICH HE TOOK NOTE OF WITHOUT COMMENT) SO THAT THE FRG PRESS SPOKESMAN COULD BE APPROPRIATELY BRIEFED TO RESPOND TO INEVITABLE REQUESTS FOR CONFIRMATION.

2. GEHLHOFF OBSERVED THAT, SINCE RABIN WOULD BE OCCUPYING SCHLOSS GYMnich DURING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT, THE FRG COULD NOT ASK HIM TO VACATE THE PREMISES IN ORDER TO

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MAKE ROOM FOR THE US PARTY. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT ALTER-

NATE QUARTERS WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND, AND THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GLAD TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE OFFICIAL GUESTHOUSE OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE (THE OLD BRANDT RESIDENCE ON THE VENUSBERG WITH WHICH YOU ARE FAMILIAR) AS A SUBSTITUTE. THIS HOUSE WOULD PROVIDE THREE "WELL-SUITED" GUEST ROOMS FOR YOURSELF AND TWO SENIOR OFFICIALS, AND WOULD ALSO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY, SUCH AS SECURITY PERSONNEL. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WHO WOULD NORMALLY BE HOUSED AT GYMNICH WOULD BE PUT UP IN A HOTEL.

3. AS FAR AS THE PROGRAM FOR THE MORNING OF JULY 12 WAS CONCERNED, GEHLHOFF SAID THAT THE ONLY POINT HE WANTED TO MAKE IS THAT THE BREAKFAST CONVERSATION BETWEEN YOU AND THE CHANCELLOR SHOULD NOT BE TOO SHORT OR ABRUPTLY TERMINATED. I NOTED THAT YOU WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF ROUGHLY ONE AND A HALF HOURS. HE DID NOT INDICATE THIS SEEMED TOO LITTLE.

4. MY SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH MINISTERIAL-DIREKTOR SANNE OF THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE ALSO ELICITED NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DIVISION OF TIME. IF PRIME MINISTER RABIN IS TO RECEIVE YOU AT SCHLOSS GYMNICH (WHICH IS WHAT THE ISRAELIS APPARENTLY CONTEMPLATE), WE WILL NEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A HELICOPTER BETWEEN THE CHANCELLERY AND GYMNICH, SINCE DRIVING TIME WOULD BE ROUGHLY FIFTY MINUTES.  
HILLENBRAND

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